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TROPICAL DEPRESSION "HANNA" HAS INTENSIfied into a storm and is expected to hit land today, according to the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

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Esperon, detained officers trade charges

ARMED FORCES CHIEF GEN. HERMOGENES Esperon Jr. and the Marine and Army Scout Ranger officers detained on coup d'etat charges in Tanay, Rizal, have traded accusations against each other amid allegations by the military chief that the detainees were involved in fresh attempts at destabilization.

Esperon yesterday said the group, led by former Marine commandant Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda, Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim and Col. Ariel Querubin, were "destabilizers whose only interest is to grab power."

"The national interest for peace and stability and progress are farthest from their aspirations," Esperon said.

Esperon recently implicated the detained officers in new attempts to topple the government, claiming that those behind the attempt to recruit troops for the destabilization move were "closely connected" to the group.

At a court-martial hearing in Camp Capinpin yesterday, the seven of the detained officers opened [illegible] that called on "a few good men" to rise up for the country.


ESPERON

In a text message sent to reporters, Esperon dismissed the rebels' action as a "juvenile attempt at propaganda."

The document challenged the military to "substantiate" its claim that junior officers have been sanctioned for allegedly recruiting comrades to join another coup plot.

"Without proof, a statement like this is only paranoid," the group said.

"[It is] yet true to threaten and manipulate our soldiers to conform to their own destabilization to further their greed for power and exploit this country," the group said.

"The destabilization is of their own doing. The Armed Forces leadership has now become the permanent vehicle to suppress voices of truth," they said.

The group said it believes that majority of soldiers share their sentiments.

"Active or passive participation in the electoral process by the military top brass is a violation of that sworn oath which will forever haunt [illegible]," they said.

Esperon has been linked to allegations of electoral fraud in 2004, after his name was mentioned in the "Hello, Garci" tapes. He has denied the allegations.

Miranda, Lim, Querubin, and 25 other officers are being tried before a military court on charges that they led a failed attempt to grab power in February 2006. *Nikko Dizon*

Accused general 'very sick'

THE DETAINED FORMER MARINE COMMANDANT, Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda, needs immediate medical attention but the military has denied his request for hospitalization, according to former Army Scout Ranger chief Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, Miranda's fellow detainee.


MIRANDA

"Gen. Miranda is very, very sick," Lim told the court martial panel hearing their case yesterday.

Miranda and Lim are being detained at the Camp Capinpin Army camp in Tanay, Rizal, while undergoing trial for allegedly plotting to oust the government in February 2006.

Lim said the military was ignoring Miranda's "serious medical needs."

He said Miranda asked to be hospitalized but his request was denied by former camp commander Col. Alfred Cayton.

Cayton supposedly said that Miranda was a "security risk."

"Some people are playing God... Why are they so stingy when it comes to health problems? We are not yet convicted criminals," Lim said.

In a statement, Lim said that Miranda has been ill for the past two weeks. He said at one time the general had collapsed in the bathroom.

Miranda is suffering from diabetes, high cholesterol and vertigo, he said.

Court-martial president Maj. Gen. [illegible] directed the court to coordinate with the custodial authority so that Miranda can be given medical attention. *Nikko Dizon*

500 barred from RP for terror links

MORE THAN 500 people, including a former United States attorney general, are on a Philippine government blacklist, banned from entering the country because of supposed links to terrorist groups, an international human rights group said yesterday.

Human Rights Watch said in a statement it obtained a copy of a Philippine government blacklist banning 504 people from more than 50 countries said to have al-Qaida or Taliban links from entering the country in July and August.

But many of those on the list were human rights advocates, including the former US attorney general Ramsey Clark, Human Rights Watch said, accusing the Philippines of using the list to stop critics of the government entering the country.

"Labeling peaceful critics as al-Qaida or Taliban only serves to sap public confidence in [illegible] measures and exposes them as a cover for suppressing dissent," said Sophie Richardson, Human Rights Watch Asia advocacy director.

"The government's blacklisting of its critics is shocking in a country that prides itself on being a democracy that values free speech. Many people on this blacklist have done little more than criticize the government or work to protect Filipinos from the country's abusive security forces," she said.

The Bureau of Immigration and Justice department blacklist includes expatriates, Filipinos and members of US-based organizations such as Church World Service, the Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, the National Lawyers Guild and the Center for Constitutional Rights.

It also includes individuals working for the International Labor Solidarity Mission, and from Philippine unions and civil society organizations such as the left-wing political group Bayan and women's group Gabriela.

Human Rights Watch said the blacklist came into effect on July 24 and was "apparently" lifted on Aug. 15.

"According to a Philippine foreign ministry official, the list was put in place at the time of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) ministerial meeting held in Manila from July 25 to Aug. 2," Human Rights Watch said.

"Since the government did not publicly announce the blacklist, it is not clear whether this or any other blacklist is in effect at present," it said.

The rights group called on President Macapagal-Arroyo to clarify whether any blacklists were still in effect and to make a commitment to [illegible] non-violent government critics. *AFP*

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GMA basks in praise from US business

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challenges now is to focus perception to catch up with that reality," Daley told Ms Arroyo, adding that a mission from the US-Asean Business Council would be going to Manila in October.

At a forum the day before, Ms Arroyo also received praise for having turned around the economy from former US President Bill Clinton, who described the President as a former classmate at Georgetown University and a friend of many years.

Ms Arroyo later told reporters that she was "happy that he [Clinton] thinks that way."

Martin Sullivan, president and CEO of AIG, said the attendance of top US businessmen at the luncheon for the President showed "how the US business community sees the Philippines and its importance in regional and global trades."

Sullivan also praised Ms Arroyo for the excellent job she was doing of running the Philippine economy.

"It has shown tremendous progress under her leadership and she also recognizes quite clearly the long-standing bilateral relationships between the Philippines and the US," he said.

Ms Arroyo thanked the businessmen for their kind words.

On path to permanent growth

"I am very happy and grateful for your willingness to share the good news about the Philippines with the rest of the American business community," she said.

She told them that what they were seeing now was a Philippines "on the path to permanent growth and stability."

"Why do I say permanent? Following the path of raising taxes with the goal of investing the proceeds in human and physical infrastructure, we should bring in investments and create jobs and that is the source of long-lasting economic growth and development," she said.

She then noted the "billion dollar plus investments" that the Philippines has gotten from, among other sources, the US-based Texas Instruments, Korea's Hanjin and Japan's Marubeni.

"Let me assure you that our administration will continue to focus like a laser beam on the economy because I think that from here, behind our best economic performance in 20 years and I hope to continue this focus to make the Philippines a better place for American investors," she said.

She delivered the same message at a dinner for US companies which attended a business processing outsourcing summit seminar hosted by the Philippine-American Chamber here.

The President said the BPO conference was "oversubscribed," noting that many wanted to join.

BPO is big

"The success in the BPO industry contributed mightily to the economic transformation going on in the Philippines right now," she told her audience.

The outsourcing industry, she said, was so big now that it was slated to be a $12-billion industry by 2010.

She said the business processing outsourcing "has become the fastest growing sector in the economy providing 300,000 new jobs."

"But we do not want to rest on our laurels," she said.

Having established strength in call centers, the government was now focused on "growing the higher value added services segment of the knowledge process outsourcing industry, including accounting, legal, human resources and administrative services," she said.

"We are excited by your presence here. We encourage those who have invested, to continue to do so. And to those of you who are just getting to know the Philippines, we urge you to come explore all that the country has to offer you and your business," the President said.



PRESIDENT Arroyo is the guest of honor at a luncheon organized by the United States-Asean Business Council headed by its president Matthew Daley (third from right) on Thursday at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. The gathering of top US businessmen was hosted by American International Group president/CEO Martin Sullivan (partly hidden beside Ms Arroyo).

Presidential guards 'shoot' Brad Pitt—with cameras, go gaga

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the first man ever to be named "Sexiest Man Alive" twice by People Magazine near the elevator leading to the private suites at the Waldorf-Astoria here.

Ms Arroyo, who is here attending the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly, is staying at the Waldorf.

Some of the staff went gaga and whipped out their digital cameras for a picture with Pitt, who coolly posed with them.

The star of the "Ocean's" series was wearing a hat and dark glasses—a disguise which failed to hide his handsome good looks, according to one PSG member.

Alas, Pitt's partner, Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie, was nowhere in sight.

Starstruck

Pitt and Jolie had attended a forum of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) held the previous day in another hotel here. Ms Arroyo herself attended the same forum the same day as the Hollywood super couple.

Upon the invitation of former US President Bill Clinton, who organized the CGI in 2005, Ms Arroyo joined other notable people like former US Vice President Al Gore and South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu in a discussion on climate change and religious tensions that was moderated by Clinton himself.

Equally starstruck, but with the theater world, was Ms Arroyo, who admitted to being "enchanted" by the performance last Wednesday of multi-awarded Filipino singer-actress Lea Salonga in the Broadway production of "Les Misérables."

In a chat with reporters on Thursday, the President said she had seen the musical before and that she used to write scripts and music for school plays.

Creative side

"That was my creative side before," Ms Arroyo said, noting that it was a different world when she joined the academe and went into politics later on.

This prompted Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye to disclose that the President had acted in a Visayan television series in the '90s.

A grinning Ms Arroyo said she was still a senator when she agreed to appear in the television "Teleserye" which was shown in Cebu.

She said she played the role of a mother whose daughter was a sign reader.

And yes, Ms Arroyo had a crying scene where she cried real tears because she was moved by her "daughter's" good dramatic acting.

Teves admits Neri told him about Abalos' bribe offer

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Teves said on Thursday. The finance secretary is part of the entourage of Ms Arroyo, who is in New York with other heads of state to attend the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly.

Abalos has denied the alleged bribe attempt, into which Malacañang has supposedly ordered a formal inquiry.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday in Manila, Presidential Management Staff chief Cerge Remonde said the National Bureau of Investigation was "among the agencies being considered" by the Palace to conduct the formal probe.

Remonde made the announcement when asked if Ms Arroyo decided to order a full investigation after Neri's testimony on the supposed bribe attempt at a Senate hearing on Wednesday.

"We've discussed that, and I think Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita (has) already set up a formal investigation," he said.

Underway, but maybe not

Asked whether the formal investigation was underway, Remonde said Ermita had "already set that into motion."

He said Ermita could provide "more details" at the regular briefing in Malacañang next week.

But Ermita was clueless about the supposed formal investigation.

"I don't know what Secretary Remonde was talking about. I can't say... I have yet to discuss this with (him). Maybe there is something to ask him," Ermita told reporters at Camp Aguinaldo.

The executive secretary pointed out that a "discreet" probe into the NBN controversy had yielded nothing.

He sought to make certain distinctions. "There is such a thing as a discreet investigation and a formal investigation. If there are enough elements [in the discreet investigation] to move forward to a formal investigation, then we will do that."

'Uncorroborated'

Before she left for New York on Tuesday night, the President said in a speech that according to a "discreet" investigation, reports of bribery in connection with the NBN deal were unfounded.

"When we learned of an alleged bribery attempt in connection with the broadband project, we instructed that the matter be discreetly investigated," she said, adding without elaboration:

"The results of the investigation were reported as uncorroborated."

At a press conference the next day, Ermita said the secret investigation was conducted by Trade and Industry Secretary Peter Favila soon after the controversy broke out.

Ermita said it was done informally but also covered other issues surrounding the NBN deal, and "not just what Secretary Neri had informed (the President)."

He said Ms Arroyo's instruction to the two Cabinet members was to "look into all the talk about bribery (and) all the talk surrounding this deal."



TEVES Nonchalant



NERI Opened up to colleagues

Ermita said that in their verbal report to the President, Favila and Teves said the bribery reports could not be substantiated.

Neither heads nor tails

Ermita maintained at the same press conference that the reports of bribery in connection with the NBN deal were "uncorroborated" despite Neri's testimony at the Senate.

"At that point in time, we could not make heads or tails of all this talk about bribery. That is the reason we feel that there's no corroboration, whatsoever, as far as charges coming from people that there were [offers] (are concerned)," he said.

Ermita said it was not for him to prejudge Neri, now the chair of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for he pointed out that in the same Senate hearing, Abalos denied having attempted to bribe Neri.

He said "the proper venue, the court of law," should determine the correct conclusion to the case.

Taking a leaf from Sen. Miriam Santiago's observation during the hearing, he said "it's for the appropriate forum to determine who could be telling the full truth, who could be telling a half-truth, or who might be telling a lie."

Before Neri's testimony at the Senate, Ermita said there was "nothing very definite about the facts and the evidence that would warrant a full-scale investigation," but that the Palace would "pursue" one if warranted.

He said it was up to Ms Arroyo to determine, after the conclusion of the Senate inquiry, "whether there is basis for a full-scale, formal investigation."

Lost moral ascendancy

Antonio Tinio, chair of the 15,000-strong Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) said Neri had "lost the moral ascendancy" to lead the CHEd, and should resign.

Tinio also assailed Neri for refusing to reveal what he knew about Ms Arroyo's possible involvement in the NBN deal.

He said Neri had "proven himself to be no different from the Malacañang minions who cover for the plunder but willingly toed Malacañang's line."

According to Tinio, both the NBN project and the Cyber Education Project of the Department of Education were "grossly disadvantageous to the people."

He said Neri "must be held accountable" for approving these projects. *Reports from Christine O. Avendaño in New York; Michael Lim Ubac, Alcuin Papa and Jerry E. Esplanada in Manila*

Ban on human rights films lifted

THE MOVIE REVIEW BOARD has lifted a virtual ban on a collection of short films about human rights violations following an appeal by the moviemakers, but restricted them to viewers aged 13 and above, a member of the review board said Friday.

Last week, the Movie Television Review and Classification Board gave and X-rating and effectively banned the collection, titled "Rights," after three board members called them biased, one-sided and said they undermined faith in the government. An X-rating means a film cannot be shown for public exhibition because no theater has been granted a permit to show X-rated films.

On Wednesday, five other board members who conducted a second review of the films gave their approval but restricted the audience because of graphic scenes of torture, said lawyer Eric Mallonga, who headed the second review group.

The 14 films, which range in length from 30 seconds to over a minute, depict disappearances, extrajudicial killings and torture allegedly committed by security forces during the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

One shows a man picking up his daughter from school. When the girl comes out of school, the man is gone. A message appears on the screen calling for a stop to enforced disappearances.

Mallonga said they agreed with the producers that their work involved criticism of "sociopolitical realities" already reported by the media, and were not calling for a rebellion against the government.

"Upon the proper procedure ... there was a second review and it was given an 'R-13.' There was no political suppression, no suppression of free expression," Mallonga said.

Although the board is officially under the Office of the President, it received no instructions from Arroyo or the board chairman to suppress the films, he said.

Kiri Dalena, one of the filmmakers, welcomed the decision, but said, "I will think the reaction of the public toward the censorship ... contributed largely to the change in the decision."

Fellow filmmakers, artists and human rights activists had expressed indignation over the board's earlier decision.

She said the board could still be used to suppress legitimate criticism and dissent, citing a ban on a movie about deposed President Joseph Estrada, who has accused Arroyo, the military and the Roman Catholic church of orchestrating his removal in 2001.

The films in the collection were inspired by foreign television advertisements on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dalena said.

Dalena said she and 12 other filmmakers plan to show the films in schools and small group gatherings. AP

Election gun ban starts

By Alcuin Papa

THE PHILIPPINE National Police (PNP) is implementing a nationwide gun ban effective today (Saturday) in time for the coming barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on Oct. 29.

Today is also the start of the filing of certificates of candidacy for these elections. Candidates have until Oct. 15 to do so.

PNP Spokesman Chief Superintendent Samuel Pagdilao said all Permits to Carry Firearms Outside of Residences (PTCFOR) are suspended until Nov. 13.

"Owners of firearms cannot bring out their firearms from their homes," Pagdilao said.

Any gun owner who wants to bring his firearm outside his home will have to secure an exemption from the Commission on Elections.

Anyone caught with a firearm not covered by any exemption from the Comelec will be promptly arrested and be slapped with charges of violation of the Omnibus Election Code and illegal possession of firearms, Pagdilao warned.

He also explained that police, agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and military personnel are exempted from the ban for as long as they are on official duty. Any law enforcer who wants to carry his firearm off-duty will have to apply for exemption with the Comelec.

The Daily Gospel

Saturday, September 29, 2007
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

1st Reading: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 (or Rev 12:7-12ab)
Gospel: John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said of him, "Here comes an Israelite, a true one; there is nothing false in him." Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" And Jesus said to him, "Before Philip called you, you were under the fig tree and I saw you."

Nathanael answered, "Master, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" But Jesus replied, "You believe because I said: 'I saw you under the fig tree.' But you will see greater things than that.

Truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Commentary

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Poor, rich country

Extraordinary bravery

Japanese journalist shot at clo

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Most candid

'I am frustrated'

Address at UN



[Cl]ose range

While much of mainstream Japanese media stay away from combat zones, a small group of Japanese independent journalists is famed for heading on tough assignments.

Two Japanese freelance journalists, Shinsuke Hashida and Kotaro Ogawa, were killed in Iraq in 2004 when their car was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Nagai's father, Hideo Nagai, expressed outrage at his son's death.

"I want to say to those responsible in Myanmar, its government, that they cannot do something so outrageous," he said. "I don't want to see anything like this ever happen again." AFP



BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY Japanese photographer Kenji Nagai falls in the street after police and military officers fire upon protesters in Rangoon in this frame grab released on Thursday. Japan may suspend humanitarian aid to Burma once it establishes the facts behind the killing. REUTERS



JOURNALIST Kenji Nagai, 50, became the first foreigner killed in the pro-democracy protests in Burma. The undated photo is from Japanese video news agency APF News. AP

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Omerta

EDITORIAL

THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT DURING his testimony before the Senate last Wednesday, Chairman Romulo Neri of the Commission on Higher Education was telling the truth and nothing but the truth.



Quibbling while the country is being robbed

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Randy David

What was told in what Neri did not say

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Solita Collas-Monsod

Measuring political popularity

Social Climate



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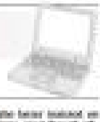
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'A future where our horizon is all the world'

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Dialogue helps GSIS serve better its clientele

Let NBN 'players' submit to lie detector test

INQUIRER Visayas

No rocket science needed for teacher's award streak

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—IF LIFE'S A LOTTO, SCIENCE teacher Josette Biyo has won it several times.

Most meaningful

Past awards

Press darling



JOSETTE Biyo of Phil. Science High School shows her plaque for recognition as Gawad Lingkod Bayan.

Heavenly fill of Negros 'piaya'

By Carla P. Gomez
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Trade fair

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Not bribe

Blockade



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Ban on stalls, liquor in fiestas

'Goring' destroys Bacolod houses

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Couple held for illegal fertilizer

Free artificial limbs to poor

NPA reb killed in Sorsogon

Arroyos accused of evading CARP

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LAGUNA RAMP

Raise case to SC, Palace tells Senate

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For free

ZTE execs to discuss loan details only with DOTC in closed-door session

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

Confidentiality

Abalos knows too much; 80 new solons may be for impeachment

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NBN deal straining familial ties with GMA, admits Gina de Venecia

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NEWS

Leyte solon gets 18 years for graft



By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE SANDIGANBAYAN YESterday convicted reelected Leyte Rep. Eufrocino Codilla Sr. (fourth district) of two counts of graft and sentenced him up to 18 years in prison for approving the business permit of his own company when he was still the mayor of Ormoc City in 1993.

Joey Marquez appeals

By Jocelyn R. Uy



plus METRO



PASSING THROUGH

Obstruction of justice charge awaits doctor

UP files raps vs 12 Sigma Rhoans

If found guilty, students could face suspension or expulsion for misconduct, says legal office

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN LEGAL OFFICE (UP-DLO) has filed administrative charges in the Student Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) against 12 officers and members of the Sigma Rho fraternity for misconduct in the form of hazing and lack of respect for university rules governing students.

Rumors

Confidential

NBI to probe doctors' involvement in organ trade

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Former Atienza consultant killed

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Building inspection to be conducted in Las Piñas City, Manila



Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous
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The WORLD

Pope's death drawn into euthanasia row

ROME—THE DEBATE OVER THE VATICAN'S opposition to euthanasia is being played out here over an especially public and delicate case: The death of Pope John Paul II.

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POPE John Paul II during the celebration of a Mass marking World Peace Day on Jan. 1, 2004 at the Vatican.

US redesigns citizenship questions for immigrants

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WB pledges record $3.5B for poorest nations

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WorldBriefs

US insists it is serious about warming

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Reuters

Red Cross workers held in Afghanistan

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Serb in Vukovar massacre gets 20 years

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Bush seeks steps to curb airline delays

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YOURS FOR $13,000

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SPORTS

Laylo rips GM, boosts title drive

Antonio also rises with 10th-round win over Indian grandmaster


LAYLO

By Roy Lozano

MANDAUE CITY—WHEN DARwin Laylo gains momentum, it's difficult to slow him down.

RP tandem gains share of 3rd spot

Green Archers still gung-ho despite stunning defeat

Prudent Pacman hides 'bomb' on media day





OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

Alora kicks off RP jins' campaign

Milo race goes to CdO



Beermen, Phone Pals favorites, says PBA board

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Big Makati stagfest today

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Bata, Django whitewash W. Cup foes



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BUSTAMANTE

Korean teenagers clinch Fed League title for Northwoods

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PRESIDENTS CUP

US golfers surge ahead





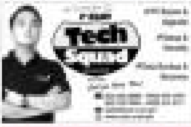
Archers target juniors crown

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THE COUNTRY'S EXTERNAL DEBT BURDEN EASED BY $1 BILLION to $53 billion in June this year from the previous quarter, translating to an improved external debt ratio of 41.3 percent of domestic output, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported yesterday.



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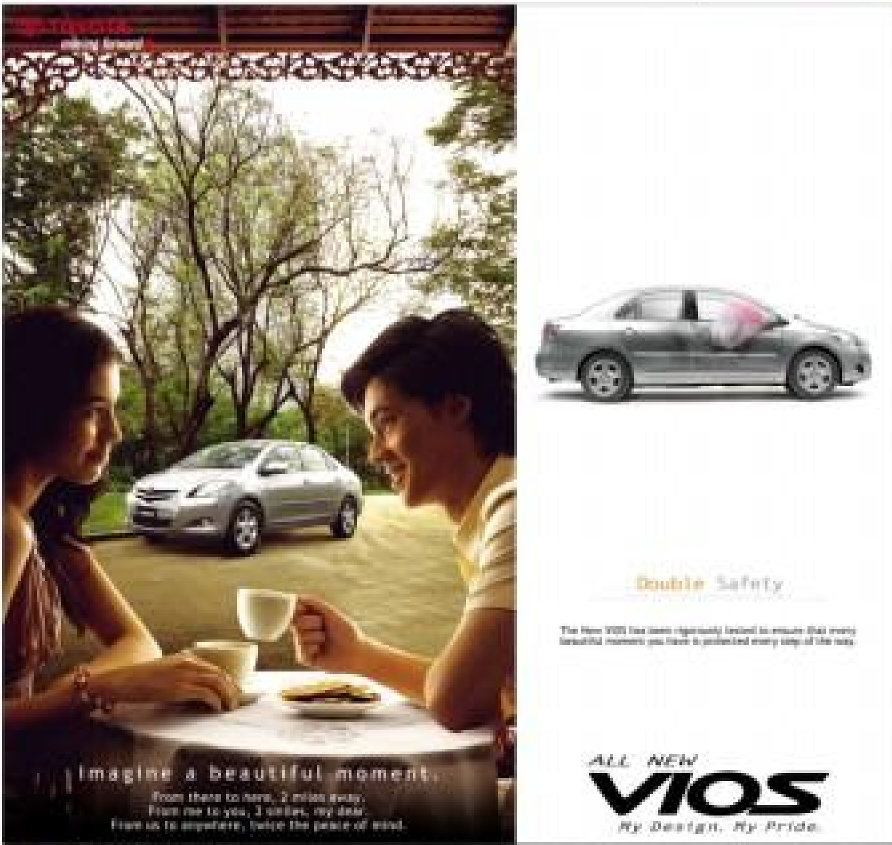
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Power agency sweetens pot prior to facility's auction next month

By Abigail L. Ho



SUPPORT FOR MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT

Power sector needs ₱304B in investments

Basic Energy beefs up management for PNOC-EDC bid

SM unit picks 2 foreign advisers

BIR, Customs see exemption from salary law

Measure to improve gov't collection performance

By Michelle V. Remo

A BILL EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs from the Salary Standardization Law has been filed with the House of Representatives.

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Balanced budget seen dependent on privatization revenues

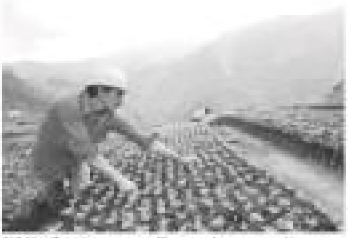
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Food sector embarks on sustainable agriculture initiative programs

AT THIS TIME WHEN THE WORLD has become more conscious of the effects of industrialization on the environment, the food industry decided to step up efforts to meet the challenge with a Sustainable Agriculture Initiative platform.

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PROGRAMS to address concerns of farmers and consumers, and focus on environment and productivity.

Quality, nutritional value

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Preserving resources

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Concrete actions

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DA, SMC to put up corn trading centers

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and conglomerate San Miguel Corp. yesterday inked a memorandum of understanding to study the viability of putting up post-harvest corn processing and trading centers worth P45 million each.

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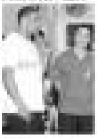


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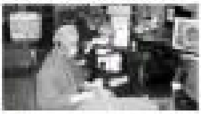
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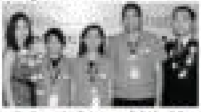
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Drastic measure for serious condition

BEING OBESE OR OVERweight isn't just a vanity issue.



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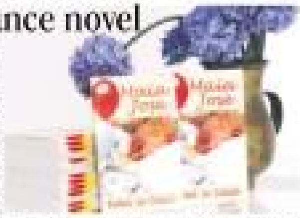
Who's your daddy now!

Australian expert talks about cervical cancer vaccine

AUSTRALIAN GYN-ECOLOGICAL oncologist Dr. Gerry Wain of the Sydney Westmead Hospital visited Manila through the invitation of MSD (Merck Sharpe & Dohme) and had a one-on-one interview with Inquirer Science/Health about the benefits of cervical cancer vaccine.



A breastfeeding romance novel



Improved health for better life behind bars

Saving Malang's sight

CarePlus





MALANG with Dr. Noel Chua

Destruction can save lives, 2004 Nobel Prize winner says

Eureka!



Queena N. Lee-Chua

Business

Travel group bats for tourism incentives

PTAA rues lack of gov't support



SM expands planned mall in Naga City

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Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

Mammoth urban hub
to showcase 3 Ayala residential brands



AMIRA Batting's green ribbons and courtyards incorporate nature in residential living.

By Tessa R. Salazar

THE THREE RESIDENTIAL brands of Ayala Land will locate in the soon-to-rise urban hub Nuvali in Laguna, hyped as the new gateway of Region 4.

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A city all its own

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3 residential areas

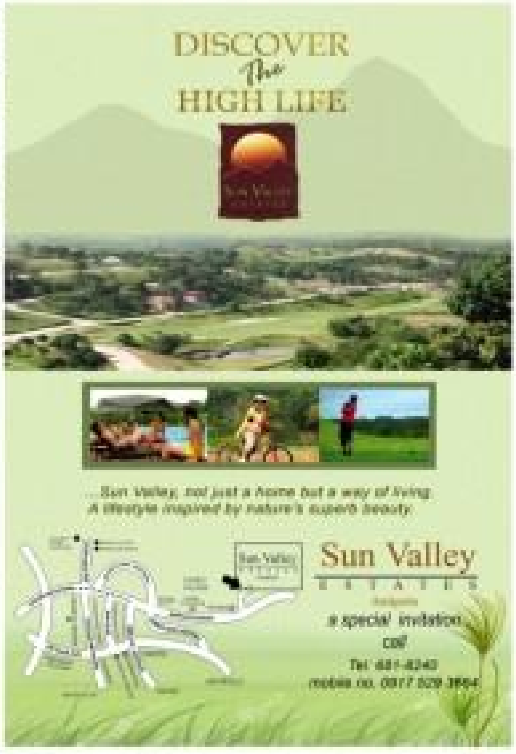
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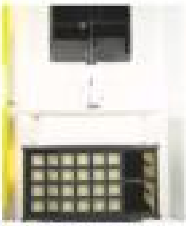






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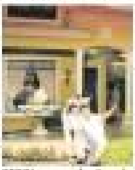




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Green rooftop



Relaxing experience

Seminar on 'Make millions selling to Filipino Americans'

Applying ergonomic design into the workplace

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Difference in ergonomics

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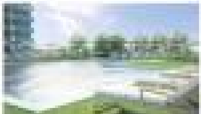
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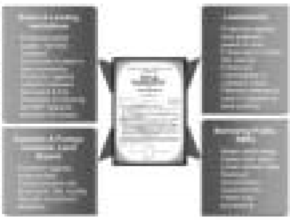
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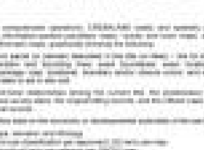
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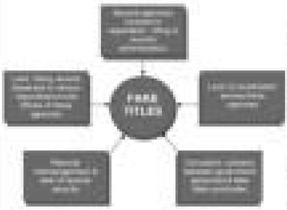
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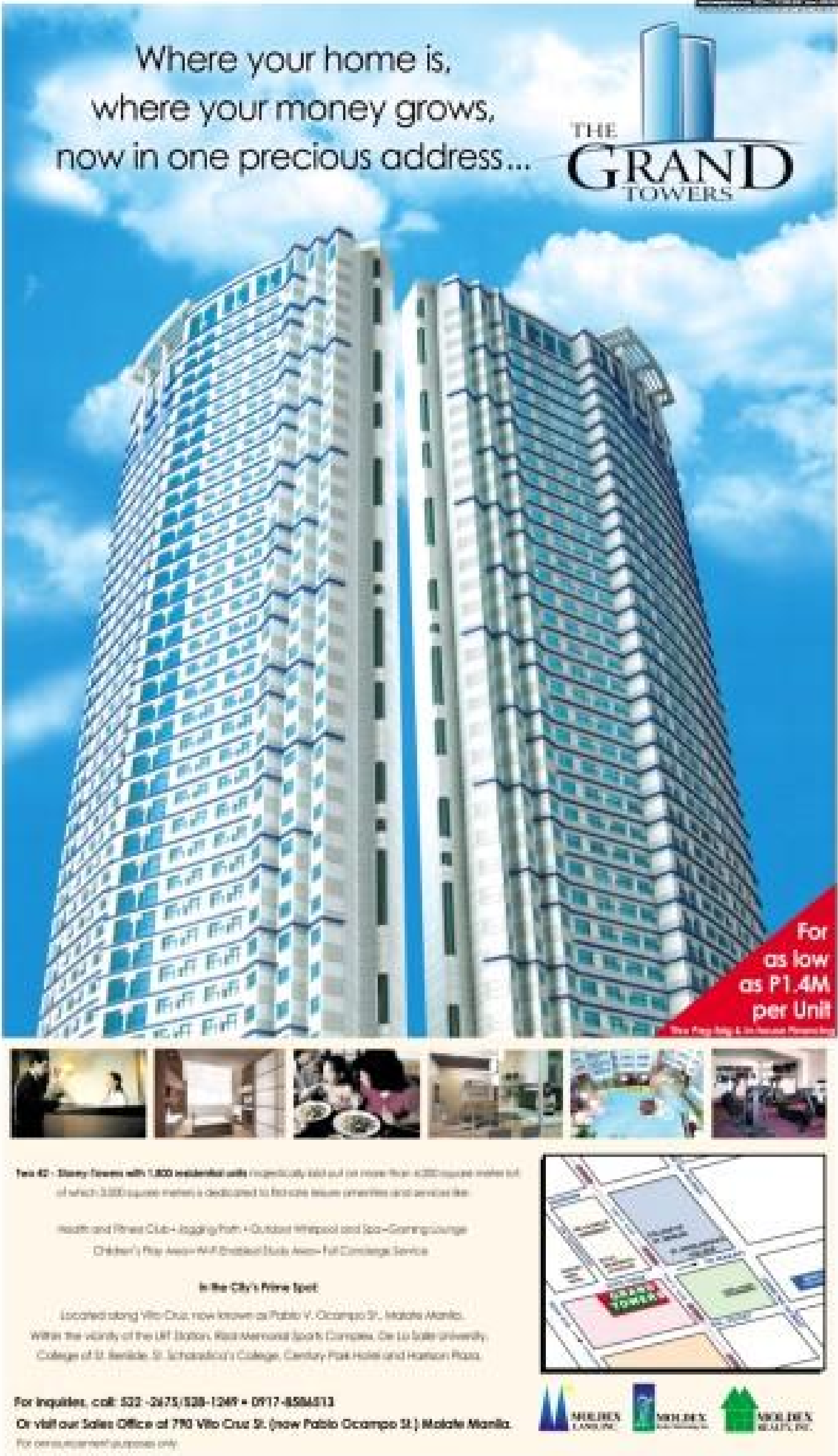
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Don't worry, yep, it just moved!

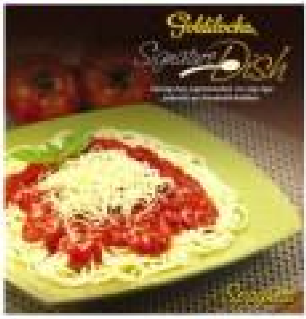
This week Super means ▸▸ Speed • U-turn • Propulsion • E-pass • Road block

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Super scoop
Meet the Clunks

Team Marc and Rovi? Or Team Rovi and Marc? Let's just call them the team that will rock the 'The Amazing Race' for the Philippines. Hooray!





IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL!

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Hi, I'm a Mac, only with an R in the middle

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Watch, learn, and win!

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Boys just wanna have fun

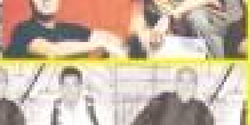
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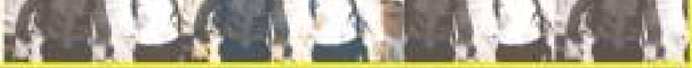
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PERHAPS ONE OF THE telltale signs "American Idol" finalist Elliott Yamin has reached celebrity status is you're only allowed 15 minutes to be in a room with him.





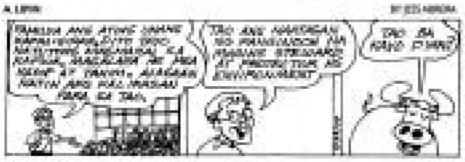
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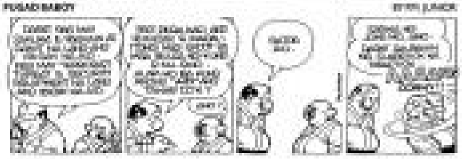
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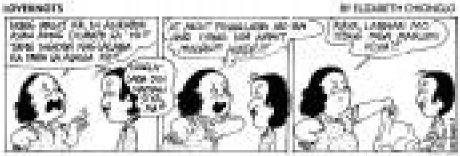
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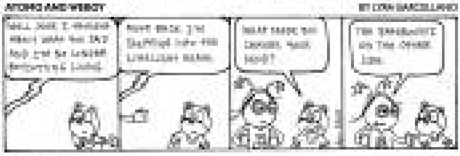
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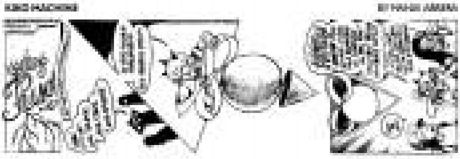
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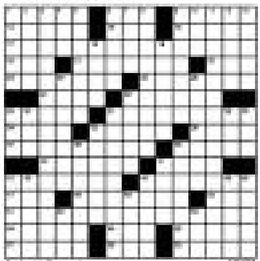
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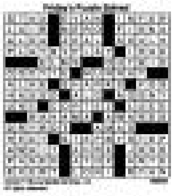
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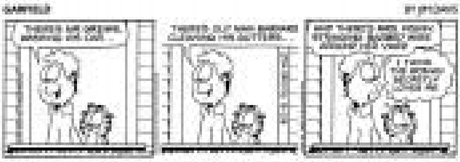
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

GARFIELD



HOROSCOPE

What the Helvetica?

The world's most omnipresent font blows fifty candles this year. A look at the hype behind the type.











The fan phenomenon

Comic relief

Happy mundane





Counter Flow



By Wingyo Gallego



An EXIT or a trap?

People as trading goods

Arresting visuals

A Pilgrim Age

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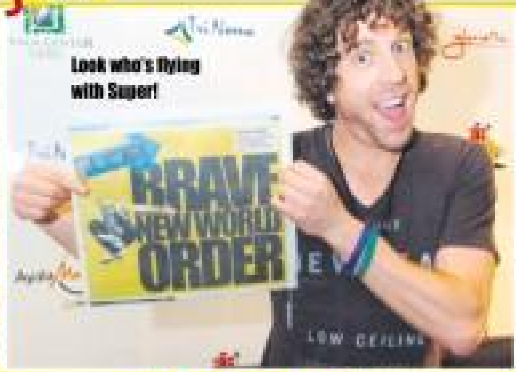


Like a Prayer

I Saw the Sign



TWENTY QUESTIONS: Elliot at the press conference





IN FRONT of ... and under the spotlights at Market! Market!

SIGNED album

Idol mind



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SATURDAY *Special*



CONCEPCION. Has a streak of independence that emboldened her to spend four years alone abroad.

KC comes into her own in 'celebrity reality' special

By Nestor U. Torre

"CELEBRITY REALITY" TV SHOWS are popular in the US, with many allowing camera crews to follow them everywhere for months. Viewers just love "peeping" into celebrities' private lives, hence the popularity of such reality programs.

On Philippine TV screens, the relatively new program type is not yet all that established, aside from celebrity wedding coverages.

Therefore, when we heard that Channel 2 was producing a reality special about KC Concepcion's stint as a student in Paris, we made it a point to catch the show last Sept. 23, seeing it as a precursor of other "celebrity reality" productions to come.

Bubbly personality

The special's strongest suits were the beautiful city of Paris and KC's own bubbly personality. The Parisian sights featured were truly eye-catching, and KC had a light, bright way of dovetailing them into her recollections of her four memorable years in the City of Lights.

KC's personality is reminiscent of her mother Sharon's own sunny projection when she was a teenager. At first, viewers were caught off guard by all that cheerfulness, and some accused the young Sharon of faking it, of being too relentlessly nice to be believed.

Hindsight now tells us that those accusations were wrong, that Sharon was truly a giving, sharing person—so, that gets KC off the hook, since we must now also believe that her own cheerfulness is the real McCoy.

Having gotten that out of the way, we must now conclude that KC is indeed her mother's daughter—but, with unique filips of her own.

Prospect

For one, she has a streak of independence that emboldened her to spend four years alone abroad—not a

E2

DIRECTOR'S CUT

Raya Martin finds challenge in exploring, experimenting

By Ronald G. Mangubat



MARTIN: "Anything and everything is possible."

Retrospective

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Different cultures

KC comes...

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Subjective coverage on TV

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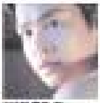
Game show

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Rico Ilarde pulls another indie surprise

By Rica Arevalo

Appreciative



"Altar."

Kaisa's hit musical revue vivifies Chinese-Filipino community's aspirations



LAST SEPT. 14 AND 15, THE Chinese-Filipino community was enthralled by the first three performances of a musical revue presented by the Kaisa Para sa Kaunlaran Foundation at its new theater in Intramuros.

The show dazzled 500 audiences with its exhilarating kaleidoscope of scenes and songs that beautifully vivifies a wide range of the Chinese-Filipino experiences, issues and sentiments, culminating its [illegible] in focus on volunteer firefighters.

Raves

Written and directed by Nestor U. Torre, with songs composed by Jun Murillo, the "Kaisa Ka" musical revue won raves from members of the audience, prompting the Kaisa Foundation to schedule four more performances on Nov. 4 and 5 at popular prices, so that students, young professionals and the general public can also enjoy the acclaimed presentation.

George Yang, owner of the McDonald's franchise in the country, urged every Chinese-Filipino to see the show. He also recommends that Kaisa "promote the show to Filipinos so that they would have a better understanding" of the Chinese-Filipino experience.

Jose Mari Chan shared: "It was wonderful to work with such talented, dedicated and hardworking people. It was a great show! I'll be here for the November run!"

[illegible] glowed, "I was like a little girl mesmerized by the optical illusion of the martial arts emblems in black and white!"

Dr. Maria [illegible], UP Diliman, described the show as "a beautiful musical played wonderfully by an enthusiastic, talented ensemble. If any history is written by victors, the musical shows how the Chinoy—as a concept, reality and identity—has become part of a vibrant Philippine nation."

Theresa Tan: "Ang ganda talaga! Original! At par, even better than other leading productions. Highly recommended for all Chinese schools and Chinese-Filipino organizations to sponsor and attend."

Historical aspects

Cynthia [illegible]: "Very moving, with humor, also very inspiring. The Pagoda scene brings us closer to the poignancy and sorrow of the families left behind by the Chinese migrants. A very entertaining show with historical aspects, it depicts depth of feeling."

[illegible] shared that she related personally to the scene depicting the marriage between a Chinoy and Pinoy.

Prof. [illegible] from Ateneo de Manila University sums up what Kaisa's show meant to say: "It is a triumphant celebration and a profound message conveyed by the dedicated and determined service of the different sectors of the Chinese-Filipino community."

If you want Kaisa's acclaimed musical to be performed by your school or organization, call 527-[illegible] or 482-[illegible].


(FROM TOP) [illegible] and [illegible] in a dramatic musical highlight from the Legend of the Pagoda mini-Chinese opera.

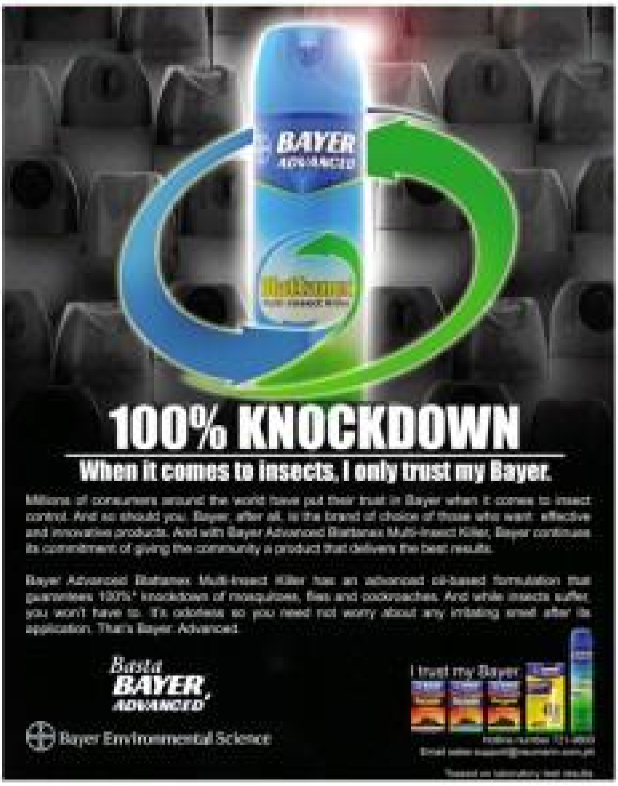

THE "INCANTATION" production number magically leads viewers into the distant past.


MASSACRE scene moved some members of the audience to tears.


WUXING champions in unique "black light" rendering.


"VOLUNTEER firefighters" bravery is highlighted in a special song.


THE DELIGHTS of Chinese cuisine are extolled in a "Delicious" song-and-dance theatrical production.



SATURDAY *Special*

Jodie Foster avoids gossip by being 'boring'



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FOSTER: Manages to avoid the shenanigans that star syndrome

Subject matter

Very hard lessons

Opportunities

Baptismal weddings, very conversational paintings and other boob-tube booboos



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P. Valencia and S. Bismark

Water as preventive therapy

ARE YOU HAVING difficulty remembering things? Do you feel tired all the time? You may be suffering from dehydration.

Water can be used as preventive therapy. It's so critical to body metabolism that the lack of it can trigger problems that result in slow recall, tiredness, constipation, formation of kidney stones and cancer.

Basic facts

In Jane Seleman's book, "Water Detox," she describes basic facts about water dehydration that people should know. Here are some of them:

- On a hot day, a person can sweat up to 16 glasses of water per day.
- Not drinking enough water can lead to dry and itchy skin, tiredness upon waking, and fatigue during the day.
- We lose as much water when we're sleeping as when we're awake. Therefore, upon waking up, drink water and hydrate yourself well.
- Lack of water is the primary cause of tiredness.
- Eight to 10 glasses of water a day could ease up to 80 percent of pains of aches and pains. Water is not only a thirst quencher, it's also a pain reliever.
- It only takes a two percent drop in hydration to slow down recall. This can mean trouble with performing basic math and focus. Students and office workers should be encouraged to drink water for their mental and physical well-being. It's better to have water breaks than coffee breaks to improve productivity and performance.
- Five glasses of water a day decrease the risk of colon cancer by 45 percent.
- Five glasses of water a day cut the risk of breast cancer by 79 percent.
- Five glasses of water a day reduce the risk of bladder cancer by 50 percent.

Critical

Although water is critical to normal body functions, it's sad to note that approximately 90 percent of the world's population is chronically dehydrated.

Worse, there are many ads encouraging people to consume colas, coffee and beer, but there's no ad telling people to drink water.

But, this can be reversed. We need to develop proper water drinking habits. I have friends who always bring water bottles with them and set an amount to consume daily. Educators, health personnel, office managers and parents can play a major role in teaching people under their care to hydrate properly.

Drinking the right amount of water can improve the quality of life. Let's have a water toast to that. Happy drinking!

Jodie Foster avoids gossip by being 'boring'



Mother

Fears

Getting ready for a younger look

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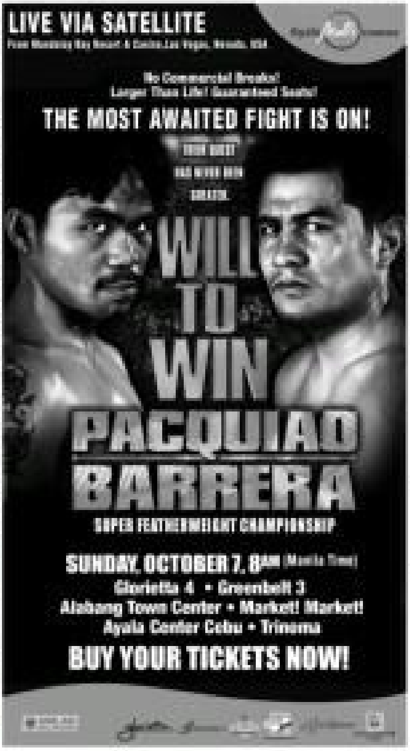


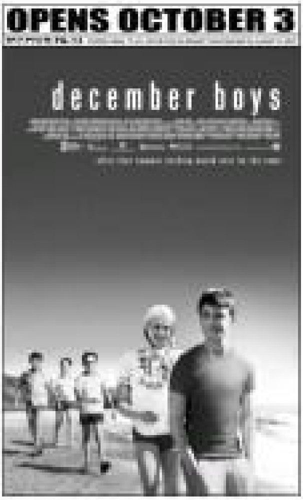
Mandy Navasero

Improvement











Doris Day's legacy lives on



Jovovich keeps action-horror franchise kicking



Parks offer free musical, theatrical treats



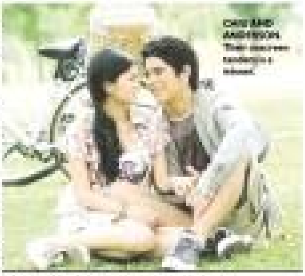
Jodie Foster avoids . . .

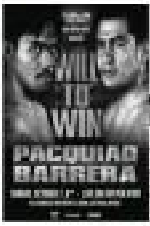
Toti Fuentes back for homecoming show



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'Let them view TV fantasy series'

By Nestor U. Torre



"ZAIDO" AND "LASTIKMAN." Slugfest for top viewership.

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Decoration

Sassy hybrid of jazz and blues in 'Ur Luv Thang'

By Rito P. Asilo



Musical reveal

Feisty



Toti Fuentes back for homecoming show



FUENTES: Performs in a concert series of Merit's.

MONTAGE

Pomeranz on SuperStar Virgo



POMERANZ: Performs for Star Cruises.

Pacquiao-Barrera fight

Thrillers on Hallmark

